



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/606,835 Confirmation No. 4821  
Applicant : K. NAKAMURA et al  
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Title : AUTOMATIC ANALYZING SYSTEM  
TC/AU : 1743  
Examiner : B.R. Gordon  
Docket No. : KAS-184  
Customer No.: 24956

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MS: RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**June 25, 2008**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 27, 2008, the period for reply thereto being extended by three months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire on June 27, 2008, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present RCE application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Request for Continued Examination** and the appropriate fee accompany this paper.

**Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time** and the required fee accompany this paper.